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wild sheep and his aim is merely to give the information from the standpoint of a hunter and a naturalist; but still, by photographs and reports of daily experiences in climbing and camping, a fair appreciation of the topography and the climate of the upper Yukon is gained.

ROBERT M. BROWN.

A Motor Tour Through Canada. By Thomas W. Wilby. xviii and 290 pp. Ills., index. John Lane Co., New York, 1914. \$1.50. 8 x 51/2.

Mr. Wilby gives us the panoramic view of Canada as seen from the tonneau of a motor car on its journey from Halifax to Victoria. In easy style, largely abounding in conversations with persons whom he met on his tour, he relates an agreeable story of his experiences. Among those stand out prominently his impressions of the Northwest Mounted Police and their prisoners. The half-tone reproductions add interest to his tale.

David H. Buell.

## CENTRAL AMERICA AND WEST INDIES

La Nouvelle Voie Maritime: Le Canal de Panama. Par Daniel Bellet. 330 pp. Map, ills. Series: Bibliothèque des Amis de la Marine. E. Guilmoto, Paris, 1913. Fr. 5. 8 x 5.

Mr. Bellet's book on the Panama Canal will make its appeal, perhaps, to all except Americans. In it he never loses sight of the fact that the French should be credited with the Canal's first inception, and much space is given to the preliminary French work. A chapter on sanitation gives a very good description, including statistics, of the splendid work of Colonel Gorgas on "cleaning up" the Canal, showing the wonderful decrease in the mortality on the Zone from 47 to 19 per 1,000 in three years.

Even though the Canal be completed, grave difficulties may arise and give constant apprehension, as, for example, the landslides and, even more, the chemical composition of the underlying rocks of the Gatun Dam, which, geologists suggest, may in time become soft through saturation.

The work would be more acceptable if Mr. Bellet had not introduced so much bitterness at the success which the "Yankees" (so called throughout the book) achieved, where the French so woefully failed.

A. C. B.

Twentieth Century Jamaica. By H. G. de Lisser. 208 pp. Ills. The Jamaica Times, Ltd., Kingston, 1913. 8 x 5½.

Will Jamaica be absorbed by the United States or Canada or remain the possession of England? Mr. de Lisser considers this problem in detail. He next takes up the history of the island, describes the cities, towns and country; the life of the people, their beliefs, customs, religions, politics, industries and commerce. The book is well worth reading.

WILBUR GREELEY BURROUGHS.

The Southland of North America. By G. P. Putnam. xiv and 425 pp. Map, ills. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York, 1913. \$2.50. 8 x 5½.

A series of entertaining sketches conveying vivid impressions of scenic wonders and easy-going customs. The author shows remarkable comprehension of the Latin-American turn of mind. His comments on the contrasting business methods adopted by Europeans and Americans deserve attention. Of special interest are the accounts of his meetings with his countrymen. The book will be read with especial pleasure by all who have traveled in Central America.

Leon Dominian.

## SOUTH AMERICA

The South American Tour. By Annie S. Peck. 398 pp. Map, ills., index. George H. Doran Co., New York, 1913. \$2.50. 8½ x 5½.

In the years during which the Panama Canal has been nearing completion the South American tour has been coming into its own. Miss Peck's book is designed to help the South American tourist on his way. Railroad and steamship lines are catalogued, the principal hotels and their prices are listed, the points of interest are indicated, and useful historical information